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SUBJ: SECRETARY BERGLAND TRAVEL TO HONG KONG

REF: (A) S 112170; (B) HK 5488; (C) HK 5705

1. WITH ARRIVAL SCHEDULED AT 1700 WEDNESDAY, JUN 8 (REF A), PROPOSE LIMIT ACTIVITIES WEDNESDAY TO INFORMAL BUFFET DINNER IN AGOFFICER'S APARTMENT FOR SECRETARY AND PARTY WITH PERHAPS 4-5 SELECTED GUESTS (AND WIVES) REPRESENTING MAJOR AGRICULTURAL TRADE ACTIVITIES TO PROVIDE SOME INSIGHT INTO H.K. MARKET BEFORE AMCHAM VIP BREAKFAST EARLY THURSDAY (SEE REF B).

2. CONGEN BRIEFING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 9, WITH HOURS DEPENDENT UPON TIME OF GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT (NOT YET CONFIRMED). ALSO, SUGGEST SHORT VISIT OF NO MORE THAN ONE-HALF HOUR TO NEWLY OPENED COTTON COMMODITY EXCHANGE, IF TIME PERMITS.

3. HK COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION CORDIALLY INVITES SECRETARY AND SIX OTHER TO LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR, 1300-1500, FURAMA HOTEL, THURSDAY, JUNE 9. (COTTON IS LEADING U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORT TO H.K.: IN CY 1976 -- 184,000 BALES WITH FAS VALUE OF US$51.8 MILLION).

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4. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10, DEPENDING ON TIME OF DEPARTURE, WE PROPOSE BRIEFING BY H.K.DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, HON. E.H. NICHOLS, OBE, J.P., FROM APPROX 0915 TO 1015, FOLLOWED BY 1-2 HOUR VISIT OF NEW TERRITORIES FARMS. (THIS APPEARS PREFERABLE TO VISIT TO KADOORIE FARM MENTIONED EARLIER AS POSSIBILITY (REF B). IF TIME PERMITS, PARTY COULD LUNCH IN NEW TERRITORIES.

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5. LADIES PROGRAM: PROPOSE FOUR AND HALF HOUR TRIP ON THURSDAY TO NEARBY, HISTORIC MACAU FOR LADIES AND OTHER NOT ATTENDING HKCSA LUNCHEON (SEE PARA 3, ABOVE). JETFOIL LEAVES H.K. AT 1030 AND TAKES APPROX. THREE-QUARTERS OF AN HOUR EN ROUTE. LUNCHEON IN MACAU. RETURN WOULD BE AT 1500 TO PERMIT RETURN TO HOTEL BEFORE ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S RECEPTION AT 1830 THURSDAY EVENING.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE URGENTLY REQUIRES CONFIRMATION OF SECRETARY'S ACCEPTANCE OF VIP BREAKFAST SUGGESTION (SEE REF B, PARA 2, B). AMCHAM NEEDS LEAD TIME FOR PREPARING AND DISTRIBUTING ANNOUNCEMENT TO MEMBERSHIP; (B) WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ACTIVITIES.

7. FULL NAME AND TITLE OF GOVERNOR WITH WHOM APPOINTMENT FOR SECRETARY BERGLAND HAS BEEN REQUESTED IS: H.E. SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, G.B.E., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG.
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